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Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.
September 15, 1877.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present five-yearly lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 13, 1877. apl

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. B. STOUT has RETURNED, and will be ready to receive Patients on MONDAY, the 24th instant, until further notice, at his Rooms, Ground Floor, Hotel de l'Europe. Office hours, 9 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m.
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. B. ROGERS begs to inform his Patients and the Public that he intends to visit AMOY and FOOCHOW in September and October, leaving HONGKONG about the 15th of September.
Hongkong, August 6, 1877.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS,
AND
JEWELLERS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.
46, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, August 20, 1877. f20

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THE Undersigned, until further notice, offer to REMIT VESSELS, Furnishing all Material and Labor, except METAL and NAILS, for TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per Sheet.
Isot Steamers and Sailing Vessels requiring three Coats Paint or Tallow, Thirty Cents per Ton Register.
W. B. SPRATT & Co.,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, October 10, 1877. no10

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of FIVE TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 9th inst. Warrants will be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 5th instant, inclusive.
By Order,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.
Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

MANILA.

THE Undersigned has This Day OPENED at this Port a BUSINESS, consisting of HOTEL, SHIP-CHANDLERY, and GENERAL STOREKEEPER, situated on the Mole, facing the Bay.
Fresh Provisions and Water supplied on the shortest notice.
EDWARD VERRILL,
Manila, September 12th, 1877.

HOTEL DE L'EUROPE, MANILA.

On the Mole, near the Harbour-Master's Office, and within Ten Minutes' walk of the Merchants' Office.
TABLE D'HOTE, BATHS, BILLIARDS, &c.
EDWARD VERRILL,
Proprietor.
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Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangsi.
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The Share taken by Chinese and Bannermen Respectively in the Government of China.
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Hongkong, October 31, 1877.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
I HAVE This Day admitted Mr. WILLIAM LEGGEE as a PARTNER in my Business, which will henceforth be conducted under the Style of HUGHES & LEGGEE.
W. KERFOOT HUGHES.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. jaf

NOTICE.
I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.
J. V. VERNON SHAW.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. my1

NOTICE.
THE Business of SHARE AND GENERAL BROKER, hitherto conducted in my name, will now be carried on under the Style of COHEN & HEATON, Mr. ALEXANDER MACGLASHAN BEATON having This Day become a PARTNER therein.
CHAS. C. COHEN.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. jaf

NOTICE.
MR. JAMES AXTON MANN is authorized to Sign our Firm by Procuration.
GREFF & Co.
Canton, November 1, 1877. jaf

WE have authorized Mr. EDWARD GEORGE to Sign our Firm by Procuration.
NORTON & Co.
Hongkong, October 29, 1877. no5

NOTICE.
WE hereby give notice that our late assistant ASHEW generally known as "SMALL," is no longer in our Employ. Patrons will please note.
HIE NAM,
BRANLEY & Co., Endowee Lane,
Hongkong, October 29, 1877. no5

NOTICE.
MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, September 23, 1877.

NOTICE.
FROM This Date Mr. EDWARD SHEPPARD and Mr. M. V. GREGG are authorized to Sign the name of our Firm per Procuration at Foochow, and Mr. F. F. LEE at Amoy.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, June 1, 1877. del

Entertainment.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

A N. AMATEUR CONCERT, in Aid of the above Fund, will be given in St. ANDREW'S HALL, (CITY HALL),
DATE TO BE FIXED SHORTLY.

PROGRAMME:

- PART I.
1. Overture, for two Pianos, "Athalie" (Mendelssohn), Mrs. Hall, Dr. Clouth, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Sangster.
2. Chorus, "Irish Melody," (Arranged by C. Jos. Brambach), Members of the German Liedertafel.
3. Solo, "Preghiera alla Madonna" (A. Tesserin), Mrs. Robinson.
4. Solo, (Violoncello), "Variations" (Mendelssohn), Mr. R. Von Böhmer.
5. Pianoforte Solo, "Waldscenen" (R. Schumann), Mr. Bennett.
6. Chorus, "Der Jäger Abschied" (Mendelssohn), Members of the German Liedertafel.

- PART II.
7. Overture, for two Pianos, "Son and Stranger" (Mendelssohn), Mrs. Hall, Dr. Clouth, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Sangster.
8. Solo, "Cavatina from L'Assedio di Meida" (G. Petrucci), Mrs. Robinson.
9. Concerto in A Minor, Opus 54, (R. Schumann), Mr. Bennett and Dr. Clouth.
10. Quartette (Vocal), Members of the German Liedertafel.

11. Solo, (Baritone), Wanderlied (Schumann), Mr. Bennett.
12. Chorus, "In der Heilmath" (Carl Wilhelm), Members of the German Liedertafel.
Tickets \$2 each, to be had at Messrs LAMB, CRAWFORD & Co., (where a Plan of the Hall may be seen) on and after TUESDAY, the 8th October.
Doors Open at 8.30 p.m., to Commence at 9 p.m.
Hongkong, October 27, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
40 H.H.D. PORTER, (BARCLAY AND FARMER).
Apply to
TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

FOR SALE.

ON BOARD the British Ship "BROOM-HALL," TWO AUSTRALIAN COWS and CALVES.
Apply to
The CAPTAIN on Board.
Hongkong, October 27, 1877. no8

For Sale.

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Gosnell's Hair BRUSHES, TOOTH BRUSHES, and NAIL BRUSHES.
A Fine Assortment of De La Rue's STATIONERY BOOKS.
NOVELS, WORKS OF REFERENCE, SCHOOL BOOKS, &c., &c.
Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

RABBITS, RABBITS, RABBITS.
NOW LANDING.
A CONSIGNMENT of FRESH PRESERVED RABBITS, 1 and 2 lb. Tins, from the NORTHERN RABBIT MEAT COMPANY, LIMITED, Kapunda, South Australia.
MACKENZIE, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. no8

FOR SALE.
LARGE TAKASIMA COAL, EX GODOWN, AT \$8 PER TON.
Apply to
THE G. GLOVER,
No. 7, Queen's Road Central, and East Point.
Hongkong, October 24, 1877. no24

FOR SALE.
SHAMKIN, CANTON.
THE Desirable PROPERTY known as Lot No. 46, consisting of Commodious DWELLING HOUSE, OFFICES and SILK GODOWN.
For particulars, apply to
G. M. SMITH,
Canton.
October 15, 1877.

NOW READY.
A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT, Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 204.—By ERNEST JOHN ENRIE, Ph.D. Kibingen.
Price: Two DOLLARS and a HALF.
To be had from Messrs LAMB, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai, and Messrs KELLY & WALKER, Shanghai.
Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

Auctions.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 6th November, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, an INVOICE of JAPANESE LACQUERED WARE, Straw-work Ware, Bronzes, Porcelain Ware, Tortoise-shell Ware, Swords, Cut-throats, Yagis, Tea Sets, Cups and Saucers, Bracelets, Necklaces, Tops, Napkin Rings, &c.
Assorted Silk Handkerchiefs, Lady's Jackets, Embroidered Caps and Ornaments, Crapes, Shawls, Cloaks, and Scarves, Black and Coloured Silk, &c., &c.
Terms of Sale.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. no6

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
VALUABLE LAND AND HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY, &c.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale), on

TUESDAY, the 27th November, 1877, at Noon, at their Sale Room, Praya Central, the following PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND, with the Buildings erected thereon.

First.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in Victoria, Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as the remaining portion of INLAND LOT No. 41/abutting on the North side thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring thereon 153 feet, on the South side thereof on Section 4 of the aforesaid Inland Lot No. 41 and Measuring thereon 75 feet and 55 feet, on the East side thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring thereon 88 feet, and on the West side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 201, and Measuring thereon 36 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole about 8,000 square feet, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$73.01, together with the Messuages or Tenements standing thereon, as present leased by D. RUTTSBERG, Esq.

Second.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in the Poko-fu-lum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 26, abutting on the North side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as FARM Lots Nos. 18 and 25, and Measuring thereon 1,200 feet, on the South side thereof on Government Ground, and Measuring thereon 600 feet, on the East side thereof on a Water Course, and Measuring thereon 1,400 feet, and on the West side thereof on the Sea at high Water Mark, and Measuring thereon 700 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 22 1/2 Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$58.40.

Third.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in the Poko-fu-lum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 30, abutting on the South side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 29, on the East side thereof on the road to Aberdeen, and on the North and West sides thereof on a Water Course, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 3 1/2 Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$12; together with a quantity of Building Materials at present contained in and about the houses described as "Belmont" upon the aforesaid Lots.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed or Deeds of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.
The Property to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.
For further Particulars, apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, October 31, 1877. no27

Shipping.

STEAMERS.
STEAM TO SINGAPORE AND BOMBAY.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S.S. "ADRIA"
will leave for the above places at Noon on SATURDAY, the 3rd Proximo.

ADAM LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, October 27, 1877. no8

FOR MANILA.
The Spanish Steamer "EMUY,"
BLANCO, Master, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 5th instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
HEMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. no8

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.
(Calling at the usual Coast Ports to land Mails and Passengers.)
The Eastern and Australasian Mail Steam Co.'s S.S. "BOWEN"
will be despatched as above on or about the 5th November next.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, October 26, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.
FOR SOURABAYA.
The 411 Dutch Barque "GROEN V. PRINSTERER," Captain De JONCK, will load for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to
MELOHERS & Co.
Hongkong, October 30, 1877. no8

FOR NEW YORK.
The 411 American Barkentine "ABEL ABBOTT,"
J. CHASE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, October 19, 1877. no19

FOR LONDON.
The 304 1/2 British Barque "WOODVILLE,"
E. NALSON, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, September 26, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.
The 411 British Barque "CHOCOLA,"
Capt. KENNERT, having most of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
Hongkong, October 16, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.
(To follow the Chocola.)
The 411 British Barque "EMPEZZA,"
Capt. SCHMIDT, will load here, and have a quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

FOR MANILA.
The Spanish Brig "SAN LORENZO,"
MANDARIANA, Master, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, October 26, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.
The Portuguese Ship "ALVA,"
Captain Souza, will load here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
HOP KEE & Co.
Hongkong, October 6, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.
The 411 British Ship "ISLES OF THE SOUTH,"
DENNETT, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, October 10, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.
The 411 British Barque "GEARMER,"
HARTING, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

FOR LONDON.
The 411 100 years splendid British Clipper Ship "SYDENHAM,"
A. MITCHELL, Commander, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, September 27, 1877.

FOR LONDON.
The 411 British Barque "GEO. OROSHAW,"
Geo. IYING, Master, will have early despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, July 28, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The 3/4 L. L. L. German Ship "GALATHEA,"
JANSEN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, September 10, 1877.

FOR HAMBURG.
The 411 British Bark "LORD MACAULAY,"
Capt. MORTMAN, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, July 20, 1877.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk, into the Godowns of Mr. A. MOY, HARRON, whose delivery may be obtained. Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 5th Proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 29, 1877. no5

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship OCEANIC, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, October 29, 1877. no5

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Venice, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 29, 1877. no5

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE British S. S. Hindostan, Captain MacLIVER, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 30, 1877. no5

GERMAN BARK MARCO-POLO, FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNEES of A.M. 8771, 35 cases Merchandise, via Hongkong, are hereby informed that the same have been landed and stored at their expense and risk. No Fire Insurance has been covered.

WIELEH & Co., Agents for Bark Marco-Polo.

Hongkong, October 17, 1877.

BRITISH BARQUE ELMSTONE, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 19, 1877.

BARQUE STRATHMORE, FROM KURAOHEE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 22, 1877.

BRITISH BARQUE MELBREE, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 22, 1877.

BRITISH BARQUE MELBREE, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 18, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

Criticism, American ship, Captain W. Lull, —Sloman & Co.

Woodville, British barque, Captain Nielsen, —Wm. Fustat & Co.

Alphington, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham, —Wielor & Co.

Cilivatum, British ship, Captain E. Shrewsbury, —Wielor & Co.

Feartown, British steamer, Capt. J. H. von Bergen, —Chinese.

Northern Star, British barque, Capt. J. Wortley, —Wielor & Co.

Tato, Dutch barque, Capt. T. Westerveld, —Sloman & Co.

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Kate Carnie, British barque, Captain James Wilson, —Melchers & Co.

Gaward, British schooner, Captain Hensler, —Lane, Crawford & Co.

Broomhall, British ship, Captain E. Bate, —Russell & Co.

Yagatra, Dutch brig, Captain Dirksen, —Sloman & Co.

Charles Oat, American ship, Captain Staples, —Jardine, Matheson & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "VOLGA," Comdt. ROLLAND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA on SATURDAY, the 3rd Inst., at 4 p.m. H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no5

FOR HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIFONG.

The Steamship "ALBAY,"

Capt. F. ASSTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 4th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no5

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "ANADYR," Comdt. MOREAU, will be despatched for SHANGHAI on SUNDAY, the 4th Inst., at 8 a.m. H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no5

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "MAOTAN,"

will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 5th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to J. Y. V. SHAW, Agent.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no5

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

The Steamship "NAMOA,"

Capt. J. E. PUNOARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 7th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no7

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. ANADYR.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Menelaus, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 1 o'clock To-day, the 2nd Inst., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Friday, the 9th Inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no5

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, LIVERPOOL, BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE "Intan" S. S. City of Limerick, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Underigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 1 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 12th Inst., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned after Consignees have signed the Average Bond by

BIRLEY & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no12

HUNYADI JÁNOS WATER.

THE BEST NATURAL APERIENT.

BARON LIEBIG affirms that "its richness in APERIENT SALTS surpasses that of all known WATERS."

WHOLESALE OR RETAIL OF

A. S. WATSON & Co., Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. de2

IN THE GOODS OF

PROSPER EDOUARD HENRI DERODE.—Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all CREDITORS and other Persons having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of PROSPER EDOUARD HENRI DERODE, late of Lille, France, who died at Cannes, France, on the 10th day of December, 1869, and Letters of Administration of whose personal estate were duly granted to ANDRÉ DAMIAN, of Canton in the Empire of China, Merchant, by the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its Probate Jurisdiction on the 26th day of October, 1877, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their CLAIMS or DEMANDS to the said ANDRÉ DAMIAN at his address aforesaid or to the Underigned WILLIAM HENRY BERNSTON, the Solicitor of the said ANDRÉ DAMIAN at the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY BERNSTON, 29, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 1st day of February, 1878.

And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last-mentioned day the said ANDRÉ DAMIAN will proceed to distribute the assets of the said PROSPER EDOUARD HENRI DERODE amongst the parties entitled, having regard to the claims of which the said ANDRÉ DAMIAN has then had notice; and that the said ANDRÉ DAMIAN will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person of whose claim the said ANDRÉ DAMIAN has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 1st day of October, 1877.

Wm. H. BERNSTON,

de2 Solicitor of the said André Damiano

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Nov. 1, 9.30 p.m., Abby, British steamer, 366, Ashton, Halphong Oct. 27, and Halphong 31, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Nov. 3, City of Limerick, British steamer, 1724, Lockhead, London July 7, via ports of call, and Singapore Oct. 24, General.—BIRLEY & Co.

Nov. 2, Anadyr, French steamer, 2440, Moreau, Marseilles Sept. 23, Naples 25, Port Said 30, Suez Oct. 9, Aden 9, Colombo 17, Galle 18, Singapore 25, and Saigon 29, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 2, Douglas, for Coast Ports.

2, Onward, for Takow.

2, Marco Polo, for Saigon.

2, Dale, for Halphong.

CLEARED.

Northern Star, for Halphong.

City of Limerick, for Shanghai.

Yotung, for Halphong.

Adria, for Singapore.

Chinaman, for New York.

George Croshaw, for London.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Anadyr, for Hongkong: from Marseilles, Mrs. Hayler, Rev. W. & Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. J. F. Rose, Mr. Ziegler, Mrs. Baer, Mrs. Walther, and Mr. Spödel; from Singapore, Mr. le Baron de Rodon, and 4 Chinese; from Saigon, Rev. Joly and Gerlet, Mr. White, and 69 Chinese. For Shanghai: from Marseilles, Dr. Drugot, Mr. Causade, Mrs. Bowmann, Messrs. Johnson, and Marshall; from Singapore, Mrs. Simpson. For Yokohama: from Marseilles, Messrs. Garnier, Nakao, and Subate; from Naples, Mr. Fasara; from Batavia, Mr. Harla.

Per Abby, from Halphong and Holhow, 60 Chinese.

Per City of Limerick, from Singapore, 25 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Douglas, for Coast Ports, 2 Europeans, and 200 Chinese.

Per Marco Polo, for Saigon, 10 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per Yotung, for Halphong, 80 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Abby reports: Fresh N.E. wind and fine throughout. Steamers in Halphong: Holywood and Golden Horn.

The British steamer City of Limerick reports: First part of passage fine weather, afterwards strong N.E. wind, latterly moderate and fine.

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers:—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

When left. Name. From. Remarks.

May

10, David, Antwerp

11, Newarth, Antwerp

12, Onand, Cardiff

13, Alure, Melbourne

26, Martha Jackson, Penarth

26, Alexandra, Liverpool

30, C. R. Bishop, Falmouth

June

7, Ferdinand Brumm, Portsmouth

19, Henry Lippert, New York

19, City of Halifax, Cardiff

31, Clara, Penarth

31, Cuba, Penarth

July

2, Northampton, Baltimore

10, Niagara, Cuxhaven

11, Homa, Liverpool

18, Jessie Jamieson, Cardiff

14, Abernethy, Liverpool

18, Carl Ritter, Deal

26, Globe, Cardiff

30, Ferdinand, Cardiff

31, R. O. Rickmers, Newport

Aug.

10, Papa, Cardiff

11, North Star, Cardiff

11, E. P. Bouverie, Penarth

14, Regulus, Penarth

14, Moss Glen, Cardiff

14, Patria, Cardiff

17, John Potts, New York

19, Felix Mendelssohn, London

27, Hotspur, Antwerp

27, Charger, Liverpool

28, India, Hamburg

Sept.

8, Andreas, Flushing Roads

8, Hambold, New York

7, Hecla, Flushing Roads

9, Gaster, Cardiff

10, River Lagan, Cardiff

15, G. F. Munta, Newport

16, Parnes (s), London

18, Wildwood, Liverpool

20, Diomed (s), Liverpool

30, River Lagan, Cardiff

AT AMOY.

Mar.

23, O. F., Cardiff

27, Maxima, Swansea

Sept.

1, Carl Wilhelm, Cardiff

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.

At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.

Glenlyon, Gordon Castle.

Glenlyon, Gordon Castle.

Zanzibar, Memela.

State of Alabama, Bertha.

Sailing Vessels.

Eliza Shaw, Abbey Town.

Johann Smith, Harkaway.

Lodere.

At Liverpool.

Ménelaus (s), Cashmere.

P. J. Carleton, Victoria (s).

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI.—

Per ANADYR, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 3rd Inst. Late letters received from 5.10 to 5.30, with 18 cents late fee.

For HOIHOW, PAKHOI, AND HAIPHONG.—

Per ALBAY, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 3rd Inst.

For SWATOW.—

Per VORN, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 4th Inst.

For MANILA.—

Per MAOTAN, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 5th Inst.

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For MANILA.—

striking uniforms; and to judge from Joe Jumball's (H. Manrow) energetic and lively manner, the case, he would prove an invaluable man in the retail business, confectionery or otherwise. Mr. J. B. Watson acquiesced himself so well in his "Salor's Hornpipe" that it was regretted he did not respond to the encore so deservedly given him. The faces of "The Area Belle" is humorous and funny enough, but as the place of Penelope has so long been taken by the Celestial "boy," one is apt here to lose interest in the kitchen life of the old country. J. S. Dunlop made up as a very attractive Penelope; and Mrs. Crocker (Mrs. Stanhope) gravely played the severe "Missus," looking nearly as languidly correct as the director, Mrs. Pollock (Mrs. Serjeant). Mrs. Pollock (Mrs. Serjeant) made a good pair of kitchen-farmers, or "followers," and brought out the ludicrous scenes very effectively; while the Milken (W. Felbert) showed that he could play more than one part thoroughly well. The Band of the Flagship played during the evening, under the leadership of Mr. Agius, bandmaster. We should think that a very handsome addition to the Famine Fund will be realized by the praiseworthy efforts of the Dramatic Club of the Flagship.

A woman of questionable character, named Kate Jessop, has just been sued in the Supreme Court at Shanghai by Messrs Hall and Holts, to recover the sum of \$548.96; balance of an account for millinery and other goods supplied. Towards the close of the case the following discussion ensued as to the legal right of tradesmen to recover for articles supplied to such women for the purposes of their trade.

Mr. Miller, who appeared for the defendant, next, as to interest. I contend that they have no right to charge interest against the defendant, because interest only arises when the parties have agreed that interest shall be charged. Plaintiff, therefore, having only a running account against the defendant, has no right to appropriate any part of the \$500 they received from defendant, as payment of interest on an old debt, which interest they had never privately debited her with. The plaintiff, further, well knew how the defendant got her living; and there were things for which the law would not allow them to claim, because it was held that they enabled her to carry on her illegal calling.

His Lordship:—Do you rest your case on that, Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller:—Yes.

His Lordship:—Then if we had known that at first, how much shorter the case would have been. I have here an argument on the defendant's case, which I will read. —His Lordship having read the argument, which was somewhat lengthy, said the general law was that articles supplied to prostitutes for the purposes of her trade, could not be recovered for. Of course, she must have necessary articles of food and clothing, but not for the purposes of her trade. He could not see why the plaintiff ought not to be allowed to amend, because the goods, &c., were the same, in fact everything would be the same. If the defendant was disposed to rest her case on the argument submitted to the Court, His Lordship would decide it thereby. He did not mean to do, but on an early date.

This course was adopted, and judgment was reserved.

His Lordship said in order to decide the case, he should want a bill descriptive of the articles supplied to the defendant.

Mr. Everall undertook that it should be supplied.

Mr. Byrne, of the plaintiff's firm, asked how, in future, were the firm to distinguish between "necessaries" and "unnecessaries," supplied to such people?

His Lordship:—The answer is—Do not deal with them at all; and the second is, Do not deal with them except for money down. If they order a dress, do not take it in hand until the money is to keep in your hands. The law does not tend to encourage tradesmen to deal with this class of persons for the purposes of their calling. The hearing then terminated.

This large Python at the Raffles Museum (says the Straits Times) was successfully killed this morning by the aid of chloroform and carbolic acid, in the presence of H. H. the Maharajah of Johore and several leading residents, who take an interest in such matters. The reptile's head was first of all secured by canvas bands to the iron bars of the cage, and the Curator then rendered it insensible by means of a sponge dipped in chloroform. Carbolic acid was then squirted down its throat by means of a large syringe, and in about 10 minutes the animal was dead. Its throat was then cut, and all fear of a return to life was over. Its live circumference was nearly 33 inches in the thickest part, but after death it contracted to 2 feet. The length is 21 feet 2 inches—remarkably short in proportion to its size. It will make a handsome addition to the Museum. —There is an old saying that it "swallows what it pours," and this seems in process of fulfilment at our local Museum. No sooner had the big snake been successfully "done for" than a valuable horse, which cost, we understand, about \$1,000, belonging to H. H. the Maharajah of Johore, died suddenly yesterday forenoon, and the skeleton, thanks to the good offices of Mr. Emerson, who is a most liberal supporter of the Museum, was placed at the Curator's disposal. Skeletons of \$1,000 horses are rare, even in Singapore, and as the price to some extent guarantees the breed, the Museum is lucky in its acquisition.

(L. & C. Express, Sept. 21st.)

The P. and O. Company's steamer *Poonah*, Captain Angove, the latest passenger ship of the fleet, left Southampton on the 20th with a total of 150 passengers for India, China, Japan, and Australia, including Vice-Admiral Bilyayev, the Commander-in-Chief on the China Station, and Sir Henry Glyn, who proceeds to assume the government of Western Australia.

Sir David Wedderburn, an ex-M.P., has addressed a letter from Yokohama to the London *Daily News*, in which, referring to Russian encroachments in the direction of Japan, he expresses his opinion that though it may be too much to say that the cause of Saghalien to Russia by the Japanese Government was one cause of the civil war in the south-west, it is certain that this was one of the incidents brought by the malcontents against the present advisers of the Mikado. He considers that although Japan will probably experience considerable financial difficulties in the immediate future, there seems to be no cause for apprehending that she will be unable to overcome them.

Several suggestions have been made respecting an appropriate site for Cleopatra's Needle on its arrival in London. Amongst other proposals is one by Dr. McGrigor Croft, late of China, who suggests that the obelisk should be placed on the top of Primrose-hill. The ship containing the Needle has been successfully launched at a luncheon in celebration of the event, which was attended by about one hundred and fifty guests of all nations. The ship left on the 20th inst. in tow of the steamer *Ola*.

As further illustrative of the vaccination which has characterized the action of the Government here with reference to the Chefoo Convention, we hear upon reliable authority that the larger part of that portion of Sir Thomas Wade's memorandum which referred to commercial matters, was not published in the recent Blue-book on the subject.

Major-General Hon. Sir Francis Colborne, commanding the forces in China and the Straits, has arrived home by the P. & O. steamer *Pekin*, on leave of absence.

Colonel F. Peyton, half pay, late of a Brigade Depot, succeeds Major-General R. Y. Shipley, O.B., in command of the 2nd Regiment at Aldershot on the 1st proximo.

Colonel Peyton served in the 98th Regiment with the expedition to the North of China in 1863, and was present at the operations on the Yangtze, the attack and capture of Chin Kiang, and at the landing before Nankin (medal). In the Panjab campaign of 1848-9 (medal), he served with the flank companies of the 98th at the forcing of the Kohat Pass, in the force under Sir Charles Napier and Sir Colin Campbell in February, 1850 (mentioned in despatches, medal with clasp). Commanded four companies of the 98th Regiment in the Peshawar Expeditionary Force on the Suofaze Frontier, under Sir Sydney Cotton, in April and May, 1859, capture of Pungtar and Ohinglee, and the affair with the Hindostanee fanatics on the heights of Sittana on May 4 (mentioned in despatches). In the Peshawar Division during the Sepoy mutiny in 1858, he became Colonel October 23, 1863, and held command at Shoraditch since January 23 last.

On the night of the 18th inst. thirteen men were captured Big Springs Station on the Union Pacific Railway, 182 miles east of Cheyenne, compelling the station agent to exhibit a red light as a danger signal. On the approach, therefore, of the East-bound express train with treasure from the Pacific coast it stopped, and the men broke open an express car, robbed the passengers, cut the telegraph wires, and getting hold of \$100,000, desamped. No one was hurt, and the train, after some delay, proceeded on its way. Armed horsemen have started in pursuit of the robbers, the railway company offering \$10,000 as a reward for their capture.

The subjoined anecdote appears in the current number of the *World*—A flagrant breach of diplomatic etiquette has been committed at Dieppe. A correspondent tells me that on the occasion of a large fire the Japanese Minister accredited to this Court, with the special commissioner and another of the suite, were quietly passing at the scene, having received a special commission to pass through the cordon of gendarmes. In a few minutes an overzealous soldier pounced on them and insisted with outstretched threats that they should join the line of bucket-passers. Expostulations in dubious French were of no avail. Literally, at the point of the bayonet, they were driven to this work. They wisely accepted the position with a good grace, and toiled for some time with the French citizens. Fortunately the Minister had the side of the empty buckets. At last a French officer became acquainted with the facts, and with manly bows released all the distinguished diplomatists. All this comes of adopting European costume. The pligial of his Excellency Kuo would have saved him from this being sent to hard labour. I am glad, however, to be able to report that the matter has been amicably settled, and neither Lord Derby nor the Duke Decezes is to be troubled with representations on the subject. But if a similar contretemps had occurred to Sir Harry Parkes, in Tokio, surely an indemnity or an abject apology would have been demanded under threats of a bombardment of some peaceful town. I recommend the forbearance of his Excellency Wooyeno Kagami to the notice of the Foreign-offices of England and France.

THE "HELICON" CASE.

In justice to Captain Howes we publish the decision which, after a patient and careful hearing, Mr. Loring, the U.S. Vice-Consul, has arrived at regarding the serious charge brought against him by certain disaffected members of the crew of the American ship *Helicon*.

UNITED STATES CONSULATE.

At Hongkong, 30 October, 1877.

In the matter of the allegations of Lewis Johnson, et al., of the American ship *Helicon*, against the master of the said ship.

To wit:—That said Captain Thomas Bassett Howes, master of the American ship *Helicon*, now lying in this port, was guilty of criminal neglect in that no attempt was made by him to rescue seaman Henry Saunders, who fell overboard from the upper fore-top-sail yard of said vessel while at sea, and was lost, on the voyage from Cardiff to this port.

Consulate of the United States of America.

At Hongkong, 1st Nov., 1877.

After hearing and carefully considering all the testimony adduced in the matter of the charges made by the seamen Lewis Johnson (et al.), deserters from the American ship *Helicon* of New York, as against the Master of said vessel, I, the undersigned Vice-Consul in Charge of the United States Consulate at this port, do find as follows:

That on the 26th day of August 1877, between the hours of 7 and 8 a.m., the seaman Henry Saunders fell overboard from the American ship *Helicon* of New York, Captain Thomas Bassett Howes commanding, while on the voyage from Cardiff to this port, and was lost.

That the vessel was in the midst of a severe gale, with a very heavy sea running. That the gale had been coming on all the night before. That at 4 a.m. it commenced rapidly to increase in violence, wind coming in heavy squalls, one close upon the other, accompanied with rain and hail, sea coming on board frequently. That at the time the man Saunders fell, all hands were hard at work "getting the sails off the vessel" as rapidly as possible.

That the man Saunders and others were

on the fore-top-sail yard, and in some manner, no doubt owing to the fact, termed the "ballooning of the sail," lost his hold and footing and fell first striking upon the rigging of the mast and then bounding off into the sea.

That at this moment all hands were aloft. That the gale was blowing furiously. That a very high sea was running. That the vessel was running before the gale, making at least 10 knots. That under these circumstances, to have attempted to have brought the ship to the wind in order that a boat might be lowered, would have been attended with great danger, not only to the vessel but to the lives of the entire ship's company.

That a boat could not have lived a moment in such a sea. However, granting for the sake of argument, that the Master had attempted and been successful in bringing the ship to the wind and that a boat had been got out, it would have been utterly impossible for the boat to have made any headway to windward against the sea and wind, and would have certainly resulted in the loss of the boat's crew; the ship drifting rapidly, as she would have done under the circumstances.

I find then that it was beyond the power of human aid to have rescued the unfortunate man.

I therefore entirely exonerate the master of said ship *Helicon* from any blame as to his conduct on said occasion, and find that of the charges made, Captain Thomas Bassett Howes, master of said American ship *Helicon* of New York, now lying in this port, in my judgment is not guilty.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Consulate on the day and year above written.

(Signed) U. S. Vice-Consul in Charge.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honor Mr. Justice Snowdon.)

Nov. 2, 1877.

LARCENY.

Regina v. Kwok A-tai.

The prisoner was indicted for stealing one leather purse containing \$4 from the person of one Thos. Ward, a seaman on board the American ship *B. S. Sanford*, on the 28th October 1877.

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs E. P. De Campos, O. F. Grossmann, W. O. E. Von Putnam, K. M. Ross, E. Moore, T. G. Richmond, and H. W. M. Schulte.

The Attorney General the Hon. G. Philpott, instructed by Mr. Johnson, Acting Crown Solicitor, appeared to prosecute.

The prosecutor it appeared went to a shop to buy things and was walking along the street with some comrades, when he felt his pocket picked by some one. The prisoner was seen to run away, but was caught with the purse in his possession. All the money was recovered except \$1. The prisoner was found guilty; after this he was arraigned for having had a previous conviction for felony at the Police Court against him. To this indictment he pleaded guilty.

His Lordship reserved the point of law involved in this case, it being similar to the others that had been reserved on the question of previous convictions. Sentence was deferred.

The Sessions were then adjourned till Thursday next, at 10 a.m., when Hamilton's cases will be taken.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

(Before James Russell, Esq.)

2nd November, 1877.

LARCENY.

Cheung Afat, a coolie, was charged with stealing a piece of wood and was sent to three months' hard labour. The prisoner has been twice before convicted of petty offences.

A ROW.

Hung Asow and four others, three of whom were women, were brought up for fighting at Praya East. It appeared that the 2nd defendant had been behaving indecently to the 5th defendant, a boatwoman, and this caused the female defendants to attack the male defendants. The 2nd defendant was therefore fined \$5, or fourteen days' hard labour, while the others were discharged.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Young Ahing, Station coolie at West Point, was charged with having one old blanket belonging to the Government in his possession. The defendant said he had quarters at the Station, but two witnesses were occupying his bed, he had therefore to go to his family abode and he took the blanket to cover himself. He had, however, asked for permission. The Hon. C. May convicted the defendant of unlawful possession and fined him 5 shillings.

DESTRUCTION.

Charles G. Trebell, one of the seamen of the American ship *Helicon* charged with desertion, was again brought up to-day. The Magistrate said that he had received a note from the U.S. Vice-Consul this morning, in which he stated that the defendant had made out a case against the Captain, and that consequently the Consul had ordered the defendant to be discharged from the ship with three months' pay. The Magistrate therefore released the defendant from the charge of desertion.

NEGLECT OF DUTY.

Cheng A Tsai, servant, was charged by his master Mr. F. Freire, with neglect of duty. On the 26th ultimo, when the complainant returned from Church, the defendant reported to him the loss of a quantity (about 18) of German silver knives and forks. From his report, it appeared that a man had been to the house to see the cook, and although the cook was absent, he remained some time and then left, when it was discovered that the cutlery was stolen. The defendant's duty was to have been careful not to admit any one into the house, especially during the absence of the complainant. The Magistrate remanded the case to the 9th inst., but admitted the defendant to bail in \$10.

AN OLD OFFENDER.

Kwok A-tai, a hawker, was charged with stealing a clock. Inspector Crook applied for a remand as the defendant appeared to have been an old offender. Remanded accordingly.

ALLEGED ROBBERY.

Chun A-tai, married woman, Kwok A-yip, master of cargo-boat No 78, Low A-shaw, house coolie in the employ of Mr. McGee, and Cheung A-tai, late Cheung A-tai,

and Tsing A-tai, seamen belonging to cargo-boat No 78, Lung A-shai, widow, Mak A-soo and Leong A-sai, boat women, and Kwok A-tai, boat-girl, were charged with robbery of a quantity of goods supposed to have formed part of the cargo of the steamer *Flours Castle*.

Bergrat Grant, No. 12, stated that yesterday about 8 a.m. he received some information from Police Sergeant No. 222 in reference to cargo boat No 78. Witness could see that from the Police Chop that the boat was lying alongside the Quay between Messrs Kuan and Messrs Douglas Leys' wharves, discharging bales of goods. About 9 a.m. the boat was seen suddenly to leave the wharf with apparently a quantity of cargo in her, and make for Kwongloo side. Witness at once followed her, and when near Yow-mah-tee, a boat with two men came out to meet her, but stopped and turned back when the Police boat was seen. The cargo-boat continued the course making for Shum Shui Po. Witness hailed her to stop, but she did not do so. The Police boat continued the pursuit, when a piece of rough canvas was seen to have been thrown into the water from the cargo-boat, then several pieces of calico. Witness picked up the canvas, as well as six pieces of calico, marked with the manufacturer's marks. The cargo-boat was then overhauled and searched when 12 yards of velvet were found on board, also 3 iron hoops, 2 of fastening bales of goods, a quantity of calico, hats and books used in breaking open packages. One of the calico was broken and bore traces of red paint. There were 30 or 40 bales of goods in the cargo-boat, besides a quantity of sheet iron. The compradore of Mr. McGee, Heaton came on board and claimed the cargo. Inspector Grimes then arranged to have the goods discharged. From enquiries made, it was ascertained that cargo was being taken from the steamer *Flours Castle*, to the godowns of Mr. McGee, Heaton, and this cargo-boat was one of the boats hired for the purpose. The 3rd defendant was the tally-man employed by Mr. McGee, Heaton to book after the cargo on board, but when the boat left the Praya for Shum-shui-po, he made no noise whatever. Inspector Grimes then described the goods he found on board: there were 25 bales marked J.M. over C.P.H. in blue, 8 bales marked L.R., 1 bale marked R.M.D. in diamond. There was also a large quantity of plate iron at the bottom of the cargo-boat. The bales had on iron hoops painted red, with a covering inside of rough canvas similar to that thrown into the water and picked up by Sergeant Grant. Mr. T. G. Williamson, Manager of the firm of Messrs Adamson, Bell & Co., stated that the firm was agent for the *Flours Castle*, which arrived here on the 29th October, and left on the 31st for Shanghai. Her cargo was discharged into the godowns of Mr. McGee, Heaton, and it could be ascertained in a day or two whether any goods had been lost or not. It was not certain whether the *Flours Castle* would call here again on her way home. Low A Wo, compradore of Mr. McGee, Heaton, proved that the defendant's boat was one of those engaged to discharge the *Flours Castle*. The case was then remanded till the 6th inst.; the 3rd defendant was admitted to bail in \$200, and the last four in \$50 each. Mr. Denny appeared for the defendants.

There is considerable excitement in Bangalore.

Bangalore, Oct. 4.—The Cashkeeper of the Bangalore Bank was arrested to-day. He was liberated on bail for ten thousand Rupees, giving security for the balance. The hearing is fixed for Wednesday. The position of the Bank is believed to be hopeless.

London, Oct. 5.—A Turkish official despatch states that Ahmed Mukhtar Pasha gained a complete victory on the 2nd instant. The Russians attacked along the whole line, and were defeated and compelled to fall back, the Turks pursuing them as far as the river Arpaahal. The engagement lasted 12 hours. The Russian loss was 5,000, whilst the Turkish loss was unknown. Other accounts state that the result was indecisive; both sides maintaining their positions, and nightfall ending the battle.

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London, Oct. 5.—A Russian official despatch states that on the 2nd instant a general attack was made upon the entrenched positions of Ahmed Mukhtar Pasha's army. The entrenchments at Great Yagui were captured, but at Little Yagui the Turks were too strongly entrenched to admit of an assault. After repulsing the reinforcement of several Turkish battalions, the Russians occupied the conquered positions. On the 3rd they repulsed a large mass of the enemy's troops, and on the 4th, abandoned the conquered positions on account of want of water. The Russians estimate their loss at 83 officers and 3,200 men, and the Turkish loss is said to have been enormous.

London, Oct. 6.—According to unofficial Russian accounts, the Turkish left wing, supported by the garrison from Kars, on the afternoon of the 4th, vigorously attacked the Russian right wing, but were defeated with great loss.

Ruileman Pasha has arrived at Shumla, and Reout Pasha at Slobka. The Russian headquarters are removed to Slobka from Gorny studen, which is unhealthy.

London, Oct. 6.—A Cabinet Council, held yesterday, considered the question of a grant on account of the Indian Famine. Lord Salisbury, replying to the remarks of Mr. Gladstone, said that a decision was hardly possible until the famine expenditures were more known. Lord George Hamilton was in favour of the Indian Government were in no immediate want of funds, and that the prospects were brightening. He strongly urged local financial responsibility, and deprecated costly schemes to prevent future famines. The *Times* deprecates a grant.

London, Oct. 7.—The Czar winters at Bucharest. It is not expected that any general assault on Plevna will take place for three weeks yet. The whole Russian Imperial Guard will arrive by the 12th inst. The mobilization of another Russian army corps is being proceeded with. A foraging sortie of the garrison of Plevna has been repulsed, beyond which there is no news from the seat of war except slight brushes with reconnoitring parties.

Paris, Oct. 7.—A manifesto has been issued by M. Gambetta, in which he expressed himself confident that France, at the approaching elections, will pronounce herself in favour of the Republican policy, and condemn the dictating policy of Marshal MacMahon, thus leaving him the choice either to submit riding (or resign).

London, Oct. 8.—Ahmed Mukhtar Pasha telegraphs, under date of the 8th instant, that the Russians have evacuated their positions parallel to those of the Turks, and are falling back in the direction of the river Arpaahal. The Russian loss during the late three days, according to the despatch, was 15,000 men, while the Turkish loss was 2,500 men.

A Russian official despatch states that all is quiet in Bulgaria. Rainy and snowy weather is prevailing in Bulgaria, notwithstanding which appears continue the erection of siege works before Plevna. The Serbian Diplomatic Agent at Constantinople has renewed pacific assurances.

London, Oct. 9.—The rain and stormy weather has rendered the bridges at Slobka and Nicopolis impassable for vehicles during the last two days.

Early French military are increasing. M. Gambetta has been again prosecuted. London papers are detained at the frontier until examined.

Shimla, Oct. 9.—The discontinuance of the booking, advertised by the East India Railway Company to take place on the 20th Oct., will not be carried out.

London Oct. 10.—Sir Stafford Northcote, speaking at Exeter, said he felt confident that the revenue estimates would be realized, and the estimates of expenditure not be exceeded.

The Empress of Russia is expected at Bishareet on the 19th instant.

4,000 insurgents in Daghestan have been defeated with very heavy loss.

London, Oct. 10.—The Chinese Minister, replying to a Quaker deputation, laid great stress upon opium-smoking, and not John taxes, which he said were moderate, being the cause of impoverishing the Chinese and preventing them purchasing foreign goods. The Chinese Government, he said, intended introducing prohibitive measures, and it was desirable to dissuade the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce from opposing the ratification of the Chefoo Convention.

The troopship *Euphrates* outwardbound, passed the Suez Canal to-day.

Alen, Oct. 11.—The *Sumatra*, with the English mails of the 29th Sept., sailed for Bombay at eight o'clock this evening, and

the *Poonah*, for Galle and Calcutta, at nine o'clock yesterday night.

London, Oct. 11.—Chiefest Pasha has effected a junction with Osman Pasha and has brought a fresh convoy of provisions and munitions of war (to Plevna). The valley of the Vid having been cleared of Russians, Sulman Pasha has established his headquarters at Kadikoi, where are large masses of troops. A reconnoitring party from Rastchuk has found Russian troops stationed at Pyrgos.

London, Oct. 11.—A Russian official despatch states that in consequence of the operations on the 2nd and 3rd instant, and of the Russians having occupied new positions, Ahmed Mukhtar Pasha, on the night of the 9th instant, abandoned his positions, including Ejsilape. The enemy were being actively pursued by the Russians, who had advanced their positions.

Torrents of rain are falling in Bulgaria, and the Danube is rising.

The Sultan, on the occasion of the feast of Bairam, congratulated his commanders, and hoped for an early conclusion of peace which would be to Turkey's advantage.

The Oriental Bank Corporation pays 5 per cent for the half year.

London, Oct. 12.—The Mansion House Madras Famine Relief Fund now amounts to £850,000. The Congregation of the Propaganda at Rome have subscribed 25,000 francs towards the Indian famine.

In a speech by Marquis of Salisbury at Bradford yesterday, he said that the worst stage of the Indian famine had been passed, and that emigration was the best remedy for the excess of population, and that it would better the moral and social condition of the people of India, and also be a means of preventing a similar calamity in future.

The present war, he said, had dispelled fears of the aggressive power of Russia. It was impossible to predict whether the war would be prolonged or peace concluded early. This war was one of peoples and not of sovereigns, and passions must be satisfied before its conclusion.

Ahmed Mukhtar Pasha states that on the 9th instant the Russians attacked him whilst he was concentrating troops at Oladodah and were indecisive fighting ensued. At nightfall, the Russians retreated with a loss of 1,200 men.

Paris, Oct. 12.—Marshall MacMahon has issued a proclamation, in which he denies that the Republic is imperilled by clerical influence. He also urges the return of the Government nominees, whose duty forbids them to desert their post.

London, Oct. 13.—The *Daily News* correspondent at the headquarters of the Czarwitsch sends the following description of the deplorable condition of the Russian troops:—A week's continuous rainy weather has converted the camp into a lake of mud, and has rendered the roads impassable, except between Biela and Rastchuk. The troops are wholly unprepared for the winter season, having lost their greatcoats and tents in their retreat from the Lom, and these have not been replaced.

Inverary Castle has been completely destroyed by fire.

Obituary.—Sir B. H. Ellis, member of the Indian Council.—Colonel Crombie, 29th Regt.

London, Oct. 13.—4 per cent 81½, 41 per cent 82½, 5½ per cent 89½. Oriental Bank Corporation Shares 44½. Chartered Mercantile Bank shares 228. Chartered Bank 223. Consols 85½. Rentes 105½. Bar Silver 54½. Tenders for the Indian loan were at 10½.

London, Oct. 15.—A despatch from Reout Pasha, dated the 10th instant, states that, the weather having cleared, he reconnoitred, and found the enemy in new entrenched positions. Artillery and musketry firing have been resumed.

A despatch from Ahmed Mukhtar Pasha, dated the 11th instant, states that after an exchange of cannon shots, movements were visible in the enemy's right and left wings. The bridge at Nikopolis has been carried away. An attempt by the Turks to cross the river at Kalarash [near Silistria] has been frustrated.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, November 2, 1877.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$730 credit.

Old Patna, cash, None credit.

New Benares, cash, 690 credit.

Old Benares, cash, None credit.

New Malwa, cash, 820 credit.

Allowance, 820 credit.

Old Malwa, cash, 820 credit.

Allowance, 820 credit.

QUICKSILVER, 68½.

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, 8/10.

30 days' sight, 8/10.

6 months' sight, 8/11.

Coditis, 3/11.

Documentary, 6 months' sight, 8/11 1/2.

Bombay, 6 months' sight, 8/11 1/2.

Calcutta, 8/11.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

